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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-noted patent application, please amend the application as follows. This Amendment is presented in the revised format permitted by the Office in the Announcement of January 31, 2003.

After this amendment, there are 22 pending claims, 4 of which are independent.

In the event that any extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1513.

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